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Crommelin KOs competition

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Five Pearl Harbor-based ships, one Coast Guard cutter and Destroyer Squadron 31 (CDS 31) competed against one another during Surface Line Week from Jan. 17-20 in 18 events that ran the gamut from at-sea seamanship challenges and know-how to seven separate sporting events and even some culinary competition.

USS Chaffee (DDG 90), USS Crommelin (FFG 37), USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Port Royal (CG 73) and USS Reuben James (FFG 57) represented the Pearl Harbor waterfront, and the crews of Coast Guard Cutter Jarvis and CDS 31 rounded out the field. The week-long competition was organized and judged by Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG).

"These activities are just another means for the Sailors on the waterfront to know and demonstrate their technical proficiency or level of knowledge and to demonstrate their teamwork or team dynamics," said Senior Chief Damage Controlman (SW) Keone Kaaiahue, an ATG trainer.

Basic seamanship was on display throughout the week, including the seamanship Olympics held on Tuesday, followed by a damage control (DC) competition



Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Skillman (left), assigned to Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57), receives a right jab to the face from U.S. Coast Guard Food Service Specialist 3rd Class Lamont Brown, assigned to the Honolulu-based Coast Guard cutter Jarvis, during a light-heavyweight boxing match at Bloch Arena on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The boxing match was part of a tournament for the Surface Navy Association, Surface Line Week. Surface Line Week consists of a series of competitive events designed to promote rating skill development, physical readiness, teamwork, esprit de corps and sportsmanship among the surface ship Sailors.

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held at the Center for Naval Engineering's wet trainer on Wednesday.

"Surface Line Week and the DC Olympics are the marathon," said Chief

Gunner's Mate (SW) Richard Welton of ATG MIDPAC. "It's just a culmination of all the basic and advanced DC training."

The wet trainer is a ship

mock-up that provides "real world" damage control problems in a controlled environment. Like many general quarters training sessions held on board Navy ships, Sailors

have to set up shoring in the event of a hull rupture or patch broken pipes.

However, while those situations are simulated on board by props and training team

verbal commands, at the wet trainer the problem is easily observed - there is water everywhere - and it continues to flow until the broken pipes are fixed and the 'ship's' hull is shored.

"We had to set up an I-type shoring, a box patch and some 'jubilee' patches," said Hull Technician 1st Class (SW) Robert Thompson of USS Crommelin, winners of the event.

"It's just a way that we in (repair) division earn some bragging rights from competition between the ships on the waterfront," said Welton.

Bragging rights were on the line again on Thursday as competition moved over to Ford Island's hangar 54 where waterfront Sailors demonstrated their boarding proficiency competing in visit, board search and seizure (VBSS) techniques.

The first event for VBSS was the tactical maneuvers simulation, where teams simulated compartment clearings while they were assessed by ATG personnel.

"They have to know how to enter a space and how to clear a space effectively in hopes that - if there were an actual suspect in there - they wouldn't actually return fire. They receive extensive pipeline training and it showed," said Welton.

The VBSS victory went to

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Paul Hamilton, O'Kane gear up for deployment

Electronics Technician 1st Class Donny Fa'avi, leading petty officer for combat systems electronics, communications and radar division on board Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), performs pre-deployment maintenance on the identify friend or foe (IFF) transponder antenna on the starboard side upper yardarm of the mast. Paul Hamilton and her crew are currently making preparations to deploy as a member of the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Carrier Strike Group. Stennis and its strike group are scheduled to enter 5th Fleet's area of operation and provide support to U.S. and coalition forces operating there. (See more photos on A-4)



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Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society recognizes volunteers of the year

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Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS), Hawai'i announced its selections for the Volunteers of the Year for 2006 during a banquet on Monday at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki.

Two volunteers from both the Pearl Harbor and Marine Corps Base - Kaneohe NMCRS offices were officially recognized with the Kokua and Volunteer of the Year Awards for their outstanding volunteer service and support during 2006.

"The NMCRS could not fulfill its missions without the capable support of the volunteer force. Your mission is extremely important in taking care of Navy and Marine Corps service members and their families," said Rear Adm. T. G. Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and honorary chairman, NMCRS Pearl Harbor.

The Kokua Award, presented for outstanding service at NMCRS Hawai'i and who exemplify the true "spirit of



Adm. (ret. Navy) Steve Abbott presents Diane Smith with an award as the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Volunteer of the Year for 2006 during a ceremony Jan. 22 at the Hale Koa Hotel. To the right is Rear Adm. T.G. Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i and Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

aloha" through their work as NMCRS volunteers, was awarded to Lorna Mae Keaunui from NMCRS Pearl Harbor and Abby Hammond from NMCRS Kaneohe.

"Kokua means to help," said Paul Belanger, director, NMCRS Pearl Harbor. "In Hawai'i, [volunteers] do an extraordinary job for the NMCRS, Sailors and Marines. The awardees represent the efforts of all the volunteers

in Hawai'i." According to Kristin Driscoll, chairman of volunteers for NMCRS Pearl Harbor, the majority of consideration for the Volunteer of the Year Award goes to those volunteers who dedicate their time on a regular basis, take on extra responsibilities, for total number of hours volunteered and going above and beyond,

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Nabors – an icon of heroism ‘just being Naborly’

Karen S. Spangler

Editor

Jim Nabors has entertained audiences for more than 43 years and has long been a strong supporter of America's service men and women. On Jan. 19 at "A Night of American Heroes," held at Hilton Hawaiian Village and hosted by the USS Missouri Memorial Association, he was saluted as an icon of heroism along with U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye from Hawai'i.

Nabors was presented with a specially made shadow box, constructed with teak from the battleship Missouri's deck and etched with lyrics from "America the Beautiful," from the USS Missouri Memorial Association. Adm. William J. Fallon, commander, U.S. Pacific Command, introduced the honoree with former Hawai'i Governor Ben Cayetano.

A second shadow box, created for Inouye, was accepted on the senator's behalf by his chief of staff, Jennifer Goto Sabas. The senator was unable to attend the event.

Funds raised from the event will provide support for the non-profit USS Missouri Memorial Association's ongoing efforts to preserve a national treasure, the 'Mighty Mo,'



Photos by William R. Goodwin

Jim Nabors was saluted as an icon of heroism at "A Night of American Heroes," held Jan. 19 at Hilton Hawaiian Village. U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye from Hawai'i was also honored at the event. Adm. William J. Fallon, commander, U.S. Pacific Command, introduced the honoree. (Inset photo: Jim Nabors sings for the audience at the event honoring him as an icon of heroism.)

and share with future generations the history of this vessel, her heroic crews and the U.S. Armed Forces that she represents.

Featured local entertainers who performed for the event included Jimmy Borges, Danny Kaleikini, Emma Veary, Karen Keawehawaii,

the Sounds of Aloha Chorus, Steve Jones Band and Cathy Foy. Nabors also sang his heart out at the event in his honor, his rich baritone voice settling over the audience.

Despite the fanfare and pomp, Nabors humbly downplayed his role as a hero. "I'm certainly no hero. The charac-

ter I played [Gomer Pyle] was a hero. People do what they do, given the situation they're in. You never know about yourself until you're placed in that position," he said.

He is probably best known for his role of Gomer Pyle, the rather bumbling, but honest private, who had difficulty

adjusting to the Marine Corps. The Gomer Pyle Show, which began airing in 1964, was a spinoff from the Andy Griffith Show which featured Gomer as a service station attendant in Mayberry.

Nabors explained that even before his television debut, Gomer began as a character in his night club act. Ever since he achieved fame for his role as Gomer Pyle, he is frequently viewed as Gomer, but he enjoys it. "I've always loved it. I liked him very much."

He said that when they started shooting the show "Gomer Pyle," he started learning about military training. "I had to 'not do' as opposed to doing it and it taught me a lot," he reflected.

Nabors feels that his Gomer Pyle character would fit into today's military just the same as he did in the past military. "He would take it seriously and do his very best, try to do everything just right – the Marine way. He [Gomer] was always a goof up, but he had the courage to do things the right way. He tried to see the goodness in everybody," he said.

After 38 years as a private, the fictional Gomer Pyle finally received a much-deserved promotion to lance corporal

during a ceremony on Aug. 9, 2001 at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawai'i. Nabors received the honor from Gen. James Jones, commandant of the Marine Corps.

The idea came about when Jones met Nabors earlier that year. "He was kidding me – asking me how long I'd been a private. I said, 'I still am,'" recalled Nabors.

"He promoted me [at the 2001 ceremony] and had a parade. It was a thrill. I was very honored – it was one of the best moments of my life," said Nabors.

When Jones asked him to address the troops, Nabors aka Gomer Pyle offered them some sage advice: "It took me 38 years to get promoted. Y'all just hang in there – y'all can get a stripe, too!"

Through the years, Nabors has been a staunch supporter of America's military and traveled around the world with Bob Hope on his USO tours. His first USO tour with Hope was in 1971 and he explained that the tour began in Hawai'i and "totally circumnavigated the world" – visiting such locations as Guam, Okinawa, Bangkok, Vietnam, Iran, Italy and Spain.

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Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

Setting your New Year's goals

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New Year's resolutions date back as far as New Year's celebrations, which were first celebrated 2000 years B.C. The ancient Romans are credited with the first recorded resolutions around 180 years B.C. Unfortunately, the first recorded broken resolution came around 179 B.C. and it was all downhill (particularly for the Roman Empire) since then.

With the calendar turning to a new year, it is very tempting to write out a laundry list of things you wish to do better in the new year: Lose weight, exercise more, work on a degree, spend more

time with family and friends, save money, qualify ESWS [enlisted surface warfare specialist], etc.

These are all laudable goals and, more importantly, they are achievable goals if you go about them realistically. And for Sailors, there are resources in your ship and on the base that make any New Year's resolution achievable. From gyms, to financial counselors to Navy Campus, the ship and the base have most of the tools you

need to achieve any goal you might set for yourself.

My best advice to anyone would be to make plans to improve your life a year-round effort. The beginning of a new year is a great time to look down the road and see what improvements in your life you would like to make. However, I would challenge you to make this more than a 2007 thing, but rather to assess where you think you would like to be in several years and set the wheels into motion to make that happen.

Does this require the setting of long-term and short term goals? Most certainly. But what it may require is a change in your attitudes to ensure that you reach your goals. A short-term goal of losing 10 pounds can get you

toward a long-term goal of being healthier, but you will need the discipline and desire to make that happen far more than you need a short-term goal to lose a certain amount of weight in a certain amount of time. If you don't lose that 10 pounds as quickly or as easily as you would like, do you have the discipline to see it through, or is it back to your old habits?

Once you have set the future goal, the next step is drafting a roadmap or plan to get there. I have found that this is where a strong mentor has been most valuable. When I have succeeded in sticking to a plan, it was usually because my mentor helped me draft a realistic, flexible, achievable plan.

To paraphrase an old quote, it is definitely foolhardy to do the same things and expect new results. So if what you have done in the past has not produced the desired results, what are you willing to do to achieve success this time?

I would encourage you to stick with whatever path you have just started, realizing that the New Year's resolution is nothing but a starting point. The path to success is actually hundreds of tiny steps that you will take throughout the year. Hopefully, by this time next year you won't need any New Year's resolutions because you will have embarked on a lifelong plan to improve and maintain success in all areas of your life.

Commentary

Volunteering in the new year

Kathy Kinneman

Armed Services YMCA

By now, Christmas is a distant memory and, if you are like most of us, the New Year's resolutions are beginning to fade.

Our well-intentioned annual resolutions tend to fall into some basic categories- health and fitness, career, time management, personal growth, personal finance, and family relationships.

We generally make resolutions or set goals because we are seeking self-improvement, better relationships, or a more comfortable life.

Did you know that as a volunteer, you can accomplish all that and more? When you give your time to a proven non-profit organization you will:

- Learn or develop new skills
- Gain work experience.
- Build self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Improve health.
- Meet new people.
- Feel needed and valued.
- Make a difference in someone's life.
- Express gratitude for help you may have received in the past from an organization.
- Make important networking contacts.

Paul Revere earned his living as a silversmith. But what do we remember him for? His volunteer work! When you commit to becoming a volunteer, you take the first steps toward making a difference in the lives of others.

Sure, volunteering sounds good, but where do you start?

If you think you'd like to help in the civilian community, you can begin by checking out www.volunteerhawaii.org or by calling the Aloha United Way volunteer hotline at 211.

The Armed Services YMCA has a wide range of volunteer opportunities at family program centers located at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i-Kaneohe, Iroquois Point, Tripler Army Medical Center, Wheeler Army Air Field, Schofield Army Base, and Aliamanu Military Reservation.

We are currently recruiting program volunteers to work at the

Children's Waiting Room at Tripler, or to assist playmorning staff. Creative, well-organized volunteers are needed to plan and support special events like Spookfest, the Father Daughter Dance, and the Easter Bunny Bash. The Operation Hero program needs mentors and tutors for elementary school children.

Those who are limited to evening and weekend hours may find the Single Sailor Drop-In Center at Pearl Harbor a good match because the center is open evenings and weekends. Volunteers help run the center on weekends, organize activities, and act as a sounding board to young Sailors.

As a prospective volunteer, you are likely to have lots of questions. Don't be afraid to ask them. The answers will help you decide if you and the organization are a good fit.

- What volunteer work will I be doing?
- How much time does this position require?
- What kind of training will I receive?
- What skills will I be able to use and develop?
- Do I have a trial period? How long is it?
- Who is my supervisor?
- What kind of environment will I be working in?
- Does your organization provide me with a written evaluation and reference?
- Will you need to run any background checks on me?
- Can I bring my child with me? Will the organization pay for my child care?

The Armed Services YMCA has been blessed with many wonderful volunteers- ranging in age from teens to septuagenarians.

When asked why he volunteered, Bert Turner, a 70-something ASYMCA Board member said, "From the time I was young, my parents taught me that it is important to give back to my community. As a result, I've volunteered for many causes over the years and had fantastic experiences."

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at the Armed Services YMCA, call executive director, Dave Gomez, at 473-1427.

Repatriation of USS Pueblo crew, December 1968



Official U.S. Navy photograph

General Charles H. Bonesteel III, U.S. Army, commander-in-chief, United Nations Command, (left) and Rear Adm. Edwin M. Rosenberg, USN, Commander Task Force 76, (right) greet members of Pueblo's crew as they arrive at the U.N. Advance Camp, Korean Demilitarized Zone, on Dec. 23, 1968, following their release by the North Korean government. USS Pueblo (AGER-2) and her crew had been captured off Wonsan on Jan. 23, 1968. Note Christmas decorations.



Official U.S. Navy photograph

Crewmen of USS Pueblo (AGER 2) leave a U.S. Army bus at the United Nations Advance Camp, following their release by the North Korean government at the Korean Demilitarized Zone on Dec. 23, 1968. Pueblo and her crew were captured off Wonsan on Jan. 23, 1968. Note the post office sign on the quonset hut in the right background. (Seaman Duane Hodges of the Pueblo was killed when the ship was captured. Hodges' body was returned to American custody with the ship's other crewmen).

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USS O'Kane, USS Paul Hamilton deploy with Stennis Strike Group

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The Pearl Harbor-based, guided missile destroyers, USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), deployed Friday as part of the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Carrier Strike Group.

The carrier, with Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 9, USS Antietam (CG 54) and USS Preble (DDG 88), deployed from San Diego on Jan. 20. Stennis is the flagship for Commander, Carrier Strike Group (CCSG) 3, headed by Rear Adm. Kevin M. Quinn.

Stennis' embarked air wing consists of the F/A-18C Hornet, F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, EA-6B Prowler, E-2C Hawkeye 2000, C-2A Greyhound and SH-60F/HH-60H Seahawk. The aircraft can be used to conduct strikes, support land battles, protect the CSG or other friendly ships, and implement a sea or air blockade.

The Stennis Strike Group

will operate in the Persian Gulf region with the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group, already in the Central Command area of operations. The presence of two aircraft carriers, while not unprecedented, demonstrates U.S. resolve to bring security and stability to the region.

These strike groups will support Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, and will conduct maritime security operations. They will also work closely with allies to build regional security and long-term stability.

Guided missile destroyers operate in support of carrier strike groups, surface action groups, amphibious groups and replenishment groups and are multi-mission anti-air warfare (AAW), anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and anti-surface warfare (ASUW) surface combatants.

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Joseph Melchor climbs down the mast to the tactical air navigation platform after performing pre-deployment maintenance on the international maritime satellite system. Paul Hamilton and her crew were making preparations to deploy as a member of the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Carrier Strike Group. Stennis and its strike group are scheduled to enter 5th Fleet's area of operations and provide support to U.S. and coalition forces operating there.



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Capt. David D. Bigelow, chief of staff, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, presents a plaque to, Cmdr. Patrick Huete, commanding officer, USS Crommelin (FFG 37), for winning first place for the Surface Navy Association, Surface Line Week.

SLW: Seamanship at it's best

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the USS Reuben James team. It was a close win, but that would only foreshadow how the total competition would come down to the wire.

On the final day of competition, the RHIB (rigid-hull inflatable boat) race pitted the crews in a completely non-judged event. The first one to cross the finish line wins. While it still takes a team to run a RHIB, it's much smaller than the ships they strike from.

"It's important to do tests to make sure you're marking your capabilities," said Ensign Jo Ellen Rose of USS Reuben James. "But today was just about having fun and a little pride."

Tell that to the CGC Jarvis team who won the RHIB race.

"We did really well on the paddling job, but we had problems coming up. We finally overtook (the Reuben James team) and had a strong finish – go Coast Guard," said Coast Guard Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Dayle Hoggard.

While the race was going on, the final sporting events of the week were wrapping up. Throughout the week, members from the six crews competed in basketball, a five-kilometer run, swimming and dodgeball. Each event comes with its own skill set and athleticism.

The final events, however, were mostly pure brawn – a boxing smoker and tug-of-war.

The smoker included six matches, pitting 12 boxers against one another. The boxers' skill level ran from first-time boxers willing to just slug it out for their ship to USS Paul Hamilton's 'ringer' in Damage Control Fireman Isaiah Vasquez who, when he's not "fighting the ship," is an amateur boxer here in Hawai'i.

"It feels great to represent my ship,"

said Vasquez, who participated in the DC Olympics last year when boxing wasn't on the agenda.

Boxing, though, seems to be more his thing. Vasquez punished his opponent through most of three rounds. The bout was called by the referee early when his opponent was unable to continue.

"I love to fight," said Vasquez, who has a 9-0 amateur record. "It's something I'm good at."

Every ship was in contention all the way down to the last event – the tug-of-war.

USS Crommelin trailed USS Reuben James by a point before lining up on the rope. The tug-of-war was a double-elimination event. The Crommelin crew was ready for business wearing matching unit T-shirts emblazoned with their slogan as "America's Battle Frigate."

The 10-man team never lost one round and literally pulled their ship to victory as overall victors of Surface Line Week. Their skipper was on hand to root for his guys and cheered his entire crew for the honor.

"I couldn't be any prouder of my guys," said Cmdr. Patrick Huete, commanding officer of Crommelin. "We won overall because we came in first or second in a variety of events and we participated in almost every single event we could."

During Surface Line Week, the Pearl Harbor waterfront Sailors proved to themselves, ATG and each other exactly how proficient they are in the everyday skills required for Sea Warriors.

After the awards ceremony, the teams who were fierce competitors throughout the week stayed around to break bread with one another, tell sea stories from the week, and eat the food their shipmates cooked for the iron culinary specialist, chili cook-off and cake decorating events.

Pearl Harbor Highlights

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Fire Controlman 3rd Class Kris Merritt, assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90), has her hands taped by a boxing trainer from USA Boxing Hawaii Association, Inc. in preparation for a feather-weight boxing match.

Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Skillman, assigned to Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57), shadow boxes in preparation for a light-heavyweight boxing match at Bloch Arena on board Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The boxing match was part of a tournament for the Surface Navy Association, Surface Line Week. Surface Line Week consists of a series of competitive events designed to promote rating skill development, physical readiness, teamwork, esprit de corps and sportsmanship among the surface ship Sailors.



Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Casey Weatherford hands a CO2 fire extinguisher to Storekeeper Seaman Lester Babauta, assigned to the Damage Control Petty Officer (DCPO) Division on board Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), after a planned maintenance check is completed. DCPO Division is manned by Sailors from all shipboard departments and is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of damage control and related equipment throughout the ship. Paul Hamilton and her crew were making preparations to deploy as a member of the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Carrier Strike Group. Stennis and its strike group are scheduled to enter 5th Fleet's area of operations and provide support to U.S. and coalition forces operating there.



U.S. Coast Guard Food Service Specialist 3rd Class Lamont Brown, assigned to the Honolulu-based Coast Guard cutter Jarvis, delivers a left hook to the face of Electronics Technician 3rd Class Anthony Skillman, assigned to Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57), during a light-heavyweight boxing match.



Ensign Nick Tawil, assigned to Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90), delivers a blow to the face of his opponent during a light welter-weight boxing match.



Seaman Edgar Nicholson, a rigger for deck department of Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77), hoists the H-frame using the chain falls of the starboard J-Bar davit during weight testing maintenance of the ship's accommodation ladder.



Seaman Edgar Nicholson (center), a rigger for deck department of Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77), works the H-frame of the ship's accommodation ladder over the side and into position from the starboard J-Bar davit during weight testing maintenance of the ship's accommodation ladder.



Seaman Brian Mosser holds the boat steady as Seaman Daniel Contreras, assigned to Deck department of Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), paints the water line of the ship. Paul Hamilton and her crew were making preparations to deploy as a member of the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Carrier Strike Group.



Sailors assigned to the Damage Control Petty Officer (DCPO) Division on board Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) perform maintenance on shipboard CO2 fire extinguishers. DCPO Division is manned by Sailors from all shipboard departments and is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of damage control and related equipment throughout the ship.

A Legacy of Building Peace Exhibit



Region Diversity Council to present 'Legacy of Building Peace' exhibit

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The Navy Region Hawai'i Diversity Council will present the "Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace" exhibit from Jan. 29-Feb. 2.

All personnel are invited to view the exhibit at the Silver Dolphin Bistro during meal hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. On Thursday, the exhibit will be located on the first floor of the Naval Station Training Complex (build-

ing 679) from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The exhibit conveys the lives and work of three exemplary men from three different cultures/nationalities, races and faith traditions whose common path of profound dedication to peace inspires us to live with courage and create peace in the world, starting with ourselves.

An on-line brochure explaining the exhibit can be found at <http://www.gkiexhibit.org/exhibit/index.html>.

For more information, contact the equal opportunity advisor for Commander Navy Region Hawai'i/Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific at 473-1468.

Sailors compete in VBSS simulation

Story and photo by MC2 (SW) Ben A. Gonzales

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The visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) teams from USS Reuben James (FFG 57) and USS Crommelin (FFG 37) met up Jan. 18 at the Afloat Training Group Middle

Pacific (ATGMIDPAC) headquarters located on Ford Island in hanger 54 during Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Surface Line Week on Jan. 18.

Surface Line Week is a five-day, Olympic-style event open to all Navy commands in the Pacific region. It consisted of 26 activities equally divided into professional and

athletic categories.

The first event for the Sailors was the tactical maneuvers simulation, where the two teams simulate compartment clearings while they are assessed by ATG personnel.

"They are looking at the way the compartments are laid out. They have to reflect back to the training that

they have actually received," said Chief Gunner's Mate (SW) Richard Welton. "They have to know how to enter a space and how to clear a space effectively in hopes that - if there were an actual suspect in there - they wouldn't actually return fire. They receive extensive pipeline training and it showed today."

The second VBSS event led the Sailors to the fire arms training simulator (FATS) where a three-man team from each ship competed against the other in a virtual game-like environment with real world scenarios.

"Basically, it's a video game. If anyone gets a chance to play it, it puts you in a real world type situation and then you have to use verbal voice commands and have to react by returning fire on a suspect that you're going to see inside the video," explained Welton.

The two events came to an end and Reuben James took home the big win in a close competition.

The events are designed to bring Sailors together to motivate each other, show their talents, learn new skills, and showcase the training done on the waterfront.



Sailors participating in the Surface Line Week race hold on as they come down on speed. Surface Line Week is a five-day Olympic-style event open to all Navy commands in the Pacific region. It consists of 26 activities equally divided into professional and athletic categories.

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Nabors:

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"It was great fun, but it was exhausting," he said. Hope introduced him, "Gentlemen, I bring you your leader – here's Gomer" as thunderous applause erupted from the troops who comprised the audience.

Nabors has always fascinated his fans with his ability to sound like Gomer Pyle, with his goofy, cheerful demeanor and lazy Southern drawl, but deliver a rich, classical baritone when he launches into song mode.

Explaining that he has never had any formal training, he quipped, "I grew up singing around the house and all I ever heard was 'shut up.'" He sang in his church choir and in the glee club in high school.

As well-known for his singing talents as for his sitcom Gomer character, Nabors has recorded 46 albums, including five gold and one platinum record, and numerous singles.

For 35 years, he has been a headline entertainer for two to three months of the year in Las Vegas. He has traveled across the country, performing in every state, in venues ranging from symphony orchestras to night clubs to county fairs.

On Jan. 29, 1999, he sang at the dedication of the Battleship Missouri Memorial in Hawai'i. He offered a poignant memory of standing on the Arizona Memorial at sunset and singing "Silent Night." – which was featured during a Christmas in Hawai'i special in 1981. "It was a thrill for me," he said.

For the past 10 years, he has performed "A Merry Christmas with Friends and Nabors" at Hawai'i Theatre, making his final appearance in that program last December.

He also plans to give his final singing performance on his birthday on June 12 at a Connecticut casino. There will be no more performances, no more recordings. "I've been doing this for a long time. I think I've earned my retirement," said the 76-year-old actor/singer.

There will be one exception. Nabors will con-

tinue to open the Indianapolis 500 with a song that he has sung every year since 1972, "Back Home Again in Indiana."

However, the character of Gomer Pyle will continue to endure as it has for decades. "I've never been off tv in more than 40 years. He [Gomer Pyle] has never been away," he noted.

With a humility reminiscent of his Gomer Pyle character, Nabors talked about his fame and success. "I never in a million years expected to become a celebrity. I'm just another person. It's just acting. I've always thanked God for giving me the opportunity to do something I've loved," he said.

"I never in my wildest dreams thought about this. The thing that stands out most of all is that I was able to have a job for 43 years and still be asked back. For show business, that's remarkable. You're only as good as your last job," explained the entertainer.

Nabors' appeal and fame has spanned decades. He loves his fans and related that when he is out in the public, he is recognized and sometimes people approach him. He told a story about walking through Chicago's O'Hare Airport when he heard a passing boy say, "Look, mother, there's an old Gomer Pyle."

On the other side of the spectrum, Nabors joked that there are also people who think he is no longer around. "A lot of people think I'm dead," he joked.

A Hawai'i resident since 1976, he enjoys his home on Oahu and raising macadamia nuts on his farm on Maui. "I have a full life. I have lots of stuff to do," he offered.

For today's military, serving their country throughout the world, he had these heartfelt words, "They're in my prayers every day. I think of them every day. I hope that God looks after them all."

To one of America's most beloved entertainers and a true American icon of heroism, whose wonderful wit and rich baritone have thrilled fans for decades, one word could sum it all up – in the words of Gomer, "Golleeee!"



Team Crommelin wins tug-of-war event during the Surface Line Week competition.

Team Crommelin bests competition

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USS Crommelin (FFG 37)
Public Affairs

Surface Line Week was in full swing on Jan. 19 as Cmdr. Patrick N. Huete, commanding officer of USS Crommelin (FFG 37), watched 10 burly members of his brand new crew line up at the tug-of-war rope. The whistle blew, signaling the beginning of the match. A smile crossed his face.

The other team was no match for Team Crommelin, whose two biggest men resembled offensive lineman from a professional football team. Crommelin's tug-of-war team went undefeated to effectively seal the deal on the Surface Line Week competi-

tion as Crommelin walked away with first place.

Winning the competition was a combined effort from all involved, as there were 17 events in which to participate. Team Crommelin took first place in the seamanship competition, the Damage Control Olympics, the swim relay and the tug-of-war. They placed second in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Quartermaster 2nd Class (SW) Samir Patel represented Crommelin well by finishing second in the 5K run. Equally as impressive was Seaman Randy Nankivel's showing at the search and rescue (SAR) swimming competition. While most teams brought two SAR swimmers, Nankivel was able to take second without the help of a partner. Crommelin placed third place or better in

11 events.

The key to the victory, however, was not only in the placement points, but in participation points as well. Crommelin participated in nearly every event, a testament to the leadership of Surface Line Week coordinator, Ensign Brandon Luiszer, and to the level of enthusiasm displayed by Crommelin Sailors.

Huete said that he was proud of all of his Sailors and commended them for their effort and motivation. His crew's performance at last week's competition demonstrated what Crommelin is capable of doing when challenged. It was a great way to ring in the New Year and to welcome a new skipper, whose motto is, "Crommelin is indestructible."

Volunteers: Honoring the outstanding

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especially in times of need.

Devoting over 430 hours as a NMCRS volunteer and providing excellent service as a caseworker, receptionist, chairman of layettes and chairman of the newsletter at the Pearl Harbor office, Diane Smith was recognized as NMCRS Pearl Harbor, Volunteer of the Year for 2006. Adm. Steve Abbot (ret. Navy), president, NMCRS presented Smith with the award.

"It's very rewarding. At the end of the day, you really feel like you've done something. It's

also a chance to get out and meet other people and help your fellow Sailors," said Smith.

For NMCRS Kaneohe, Donna Nebelsiek was presented the Volunteer of the Year Award for over 400 hours of volunteer service, serving as a receptionist and chairman of receptionists for NMCRS Kaneohe.

In addition to the Kokua and Volunteer of the Year Awards, Mike Fisch, president and publisher of the Honolulu Advertiser, and Kristin Driscoll, chairman of volunteers for NMCRS Pearl Harbor, were also recognized for their distinguished service and support to the Hawai'i NMCRS.

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SURFACE LINE WEEK RESULTS



5K Run - team

1. USS Reuben James
2. USCGC Jarvis
3. USS Port Royal

5K Run - individual male

1. Ensign Alverson
USS Reuben James
2. QM2 Samir
USS Crommelin
3. Ensign Nichols
USS Reuben James

5K Run - individual female

1. Lt. j.g. Masterson
USCGC Jarvis
2. Ensign Cho
USS Reuben James
3. Lt. j.g. Gibbon
USS Reuben James

Dodgeball tournament

1. USCGC Jarvis
2. COMDESRON 31
3. USS Reuben James

Seamanship Olympics

1. USS Crommelin
2. USS Paul Hamilton

3-on-3 basketball

1. USS Chafee
2. USS Crommelin
3. USS Chafee

Moboards

1. USCGC Jarvis
2. USS Reuben James
3. USS Crommelin

Navigation quiz

1. USS Reuben James
2. USCGC Jarvis
3. USS Crommelin

DC Olympics

1. USS Crommelin
2. USS Chafee

Surface rescue swimmer

1. USS Chafee
2. USS Crommelin
3. USS Port Royal

Swimming relays

1. USS Crommelin
2. USS Reuben James
3. USCGC Jarvis

NCVBSS

1. USS Reuben James
2. USS Crommelin

Pistol

1. USCGC Jarvis
2. USS Crommelin
3. USS Reuben James

Volleyball

1. USS Chafee
2. USS Reuben James
3. USS Crommelin

RHIB Race

1. USCGC Jarvis
2. USS Reuben James
3. USS Paul Hamilton

Boxing

1. USCGC Jarvis
2. USS Paul Hamilton/
USS Chafee

Tug-o-war

1. USS Crommelin
2. USS Paul Hamilton
3. USS Reuben James

Iron 'CS'

1. USCGC Jarvis
2. USS Chafee
3. USS Port Royal

Chili cook-off

1. USS O'Kane
2. USS Chafee
3. USCGC Jarvis

Cake decorating

1. USCGC Jarvis
2. USS O'Kane
3. USS Port Royal

Overall 2007 Surface Line Week standings

1. **USS Crommelin**
84 points
2. **USS Reuben James**
83 points
3. **USCGC Jarvis**
77 points
4. **USS Chafee**
49 points
5. **USS Paul Hamilton**
33 points
6. **USS Port Royal**
18 points
7. **COMDESRON 31**
12 points
8. **USS O'Kane**
10 points



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